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FELLOWSHIP WITH GRACE

The All Church Mystery Dinner originally scheduled for February 6th has been rescheduled for April 17th. Be sure to watch your bulletin and newsletter for further details.

But, if you were really looking forward to an evening out on February 6th, never fear, the Grace Fellowship committee has you covered. February 6th is now a **Family Game Night!** This event is for the entire family. Bring a board game, a snack or appetizer, and some pop or juice to drink. You'll have some good ol' family fun.



Men, get your team gear on and watch the Saints and Colts clash at the **Amazing Super Bowl Party** on February 7th at Dan and Sheila Pinkham's house, 500 Seven Pines Drive in El Paso. This event begins at 4:30 and lasts until the game is over. It is for men and young men who are old enough to enjoy the game. Bring snacks, drinks, and a friend.

SERVANT EVANGELISM HIT RETURNS

Members of Grace will be outside El Paso IGA on Saturday morning, February 6th from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. Dressed in warm coats and gloves they'll be giving free coffee to early morning shoppers. Why? This servant evangelism outreach is an effort to show the love of Jesus in a tangible way. If you would like to be a part of this outreach, contact Dan Giese or Linda Garrels right away. Slots are one hour each at 7, 8, and 9:00 a.m



VALENTINE'S
DAY
FEBRUARY
14TH

PERIODICALS

Grace library updating is happenin'!

Do you have a subscription to a Christian magazine?

What do you do with the back issues?

You may want to consider donating them to the Grace Fellowship Library. Pam is interested in collecting current Christian magazines, no more than 3 months old such as Christianity Today, Charisma, Relevant, Christian History & Biography or World Magazines.

Donated periodicals will be cataloged so YOU can check them out.



It is time to slough off the old and acquire new materials for the Grace Fellowship Library located in the office. There are several books on the shelves that don't see much activity, so from time to time, Pam will pull these books and put them in a "freebie" basket in the foyer. If you see one that interests you, take it home permanently, or pass it along to someone you think would enjoy it. Books that are not claimed will be taken to one of the second

hand stores in the area, or offered for sale on Ebay with the proceeds going to purchase new books.

Right now, Pam has a list of 10 books on her wish list at Christian Books.com totaling about \$140 that she would like to purchase to update the Grace Library. They focus on apologetics, teens, tweens, and men; four groups that don't have much representation in our library as it stands. Pam and Dan will also explore

purchasing DVD studies that can be used in adult Sunday school, or as small group topical studies.

These can be kept in our library and passed from group to group.

There is plenty of opportunity for you to help. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of some of these items to update our library, contact Pam. She will also have a church bank in her office for collecting library donations.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

You may have noticed bright pink cards distributed around the foyer at Grace. You can fill out a card and place it in an offering box in place of, or in addition to, the attendance pads that circulate every Sunday morning. This is an effort to keep requests more confidential, if you wish them to be. They will be shared only by the staff, Dan Giese, Kipp McDonald, and Pam Finck who pray regularly for requests received from their Grace family. The pink cards have an option to share the request with the prayer chains. You may check the box if you wish, otherwise only the three people mentioned above will see your request. Let us know how we may be praying for you.

TEACHER TRAINING FEBRUARY 21

Its all about following Jesus and doing his work. To do this, you need to be equipped! Kipp McDonald will equip teachers on February 21 at 1:00 p.m. If you are a teacher of young children at Grace, please sign up to attend. There is a list in the foyer.

Youth Page

JR. HIGH LOCK IN MARCH 5TH, 6TH



Jr. High students will enjoy well chaperoned fun with kids their own age. Friday, March 5th, 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Saturday, March 6th.

Send \$5 for pizza if you come alone. If you bring 1 friend (who does not usually attend youth group), bring \$8 for the two of you. If you bring 2 friends

(who do not usually attend youth group), bring \$10 for all three!

Also, bring your bible, sleeping gear, a board game, your camera, and a snack to share. Please leave your cell phones, I-pods and other electronics at home. Let Mark Whitcomb know by Sunday, February 28th if you would like to attend.

JR. HIGH BELIEVE CONVENTION

This two day event specifically for Jr. High students will be packed with high energy worship, biblical teaching and one-on-one interaction.
Where: Anderson University, Anderson, Indiana
When: 10 a.m Saturday, April 17 to 10 p.m. Sunday, April 18
Cost: \$75
Sign up Deadline: March 14
Contact Kipp McDonald, Youth Pastor



KEEP UP WITH THE GRACE FELLOWSHIP YOUTH GROUP ON FACEBOOK!

SENIOR HIGH SERVICE PROJECT

Sr. High youth will be helping February 9th to tear down Valentine's Day Dance decorations and re-arrange furniture at Heritage Manor Nursing Home. If you can help, meet at Kipp's at 7:00 p.m. to car pool.



SENIOR HIGH GIRLS' RETREAT

High School Girls will be leaving Friday, February 26th at 10:00 a.m. for Wilderness Waterpark in

Wisconsin Dells! All High School girls are welcome. The cost is \$60/person. We will return late on Saturday, February 27th.

Money is DUE February 6th. See Kipp or Colleen for details.

C O N F E R E N C E S

IRON SHARPENS IRON MEN'S CONFERENCE

- March 27th - Springfield
- \$39 - \$47 per man

Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Worship, seminars, exhibits, resources to equip men. Flyers are available in the foyer. There is a group forming so let Dan Giese know by February 21st if you would like to participate.

STEPHEN MINISTRIES WORKSHOP

- February 27th, Bloomington
- \$15 per person or \$50 per congregation

This half-day workshop is a wonderful opportunity to receive hands on caring ministry training. Minister to those Experiencing Grief, and learn how to care in a distinctively Christian way.

See flyers in the foyer for more details.

HAPPILY EVER AFTER LADIES' RETREAT

The Good News Story

- February 6th, East White Oak Church, Normal
- \$20 each includes breakfast, brunch and workshops.
- Register for AM and PM workshops. Keynote speaker: Ann Chastain. See flyers in the foyer.

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